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VP search narrows with final candidates visits

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

Three down, one to go — finalists for the position of vice president for academic affairs that is.

The first finalist, Dr. Richard McCallum, associate vice president for academic affairs at Connecticut State University in New Britton, Conn., was on campus Jan. 22 for interview sessions.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, Missouri Southern's interim vice president for academic affairs, had her interview session Jan. 29.

She applied for the position because she would like the opportunity to continue to serve the University and work with the people she currently works with.

"I'm in the position right now," Griffin said.

"And I'm working on some projects right now that I'd like to see through."

She said many good questions were asked by people throughout the day, and the sessions helped her learn more about what issues people on campus are interested in.

Kayla Stokes, sophomore secondary education major, was one of about eight students to attend the student forum with Griffin.

She said Griffin seemed interested in education, but not so much in what students wanted.

"I didn't personally like some of her views," Stokes said.

Dr. Betsy Griffin
V.P. Candidate

The third finalist chosen by the selection committee was Dr. Larry B. Harris, dean of the college of education at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. Harris came to Southern Feb. 3 to meet various groups on campus.

Harris said he applied for the position because he and his wife are familiar with the Southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas areas. They have three sons living in Arkansas, and Harris said coming to Southern would bring them closer together.

Harris also applied because he believes Southern is "an excellent institution."

"Regional institutions provide an excellent opportunity to students," Harris said. "That's important to me."

Dr. Larry Harris
V.P. Candidate

Harris said he enjoyed his day at Southern and was impressed with the people he met.

"They're very interested in the University," he said.

Six students attended Harris's student forum. At the forum, the issues of fall break, graduate programs, Internet courses, recruitment and retention and others were discussed by Harris.

Stokes, who has attended all three of the candidate's student forums, said she was interested in seeing who the candidates are and "keeping up with what's going on."

"He (Harris) was really interested in what we (the students) wanted," she said. "I thought he was not trying just to say what everyone wanted to hear."

She said she did not necessarily agree with all of Harris's views, but "he didn't seem fake."

The final candidate, Dr. David Wilson, vice president for academic affairs and dean of college at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., was on campus Feb. 5.

Respiratory therapy majors take breaths of confidence

BY MONIQUE JAMERSON
Staff Writer

Respiratory therapy, the newest medical program at Missouri Southern is seeing positive job placement results for graduates.

In 1995, respiratory therapy moved to Southern and brought about its associate's degree program in 2000.

Glenda Pippin, respiratory therapy department head, said there is a 90 percent job placement rate for graduates.

"There are quite a few hospitals that come to Southern to recruit the upcoming graduates," Pippin said.

In December 2003, there were 13 respiratory therapy students who graduated with an associate's degree. The graduation times for these students occur in December and July.

"The students who graduate in July are the more advanced students who take 18 hours of upper division courses," Pippin said.

Pippin takes vital steps to ensure the graduates have success in finding a job.

"We have a panel discussion, invite respiratory therapist from area hospitals to speak with the students at Southern and career services helps with job placement as well," she said.

Pippin said hospitals directly contact her from time to time to see if there are students available for work.

In March 2004, Children's Mercy Hospital of Kansas City will come to Southern to recruit students for jobs.

Other hospitals that recruit include Barnes-Jewish of St. Louis and Saint Francis of Tulsa.

Pippin said there are currently six graduates working in Tulsa, two in Mount Vernon, full-time, and two in Pittsburg, full-time.

Kim Lamb, a respiratory therapist, graduated from Southern in December 2003 and works full-time at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon and part-time at St. John's Rehabilitation Center.

Lamb said a student is able work in Oklahoma with a student license, and starting pay, depending on the area, ranges from $11 to $16 an hour.

"Missouri Southern has one of the best respiratory therapy programs in the state," Lamb said.

"I've had University of Missouri-Columbia students follow my lead. It seems Southern students have more knowledge about what to do than any other area college graduates."

Lamb said it seems awkward, because MU has more students than Southern.

Springfield and Tulsa hospitals told Lamb they prefer Southern students over MU and Southwest Missouri State University students because graduates from Missouri Southern are more knowledgeable.

"I just thinks it's an excellent program at Southern," Lamb said.

Pippin is currently taking applications for the fall semester.

Speeding students open books, prepare for classroom settings

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

By the time most readers will finish this sentence, some students who have taken the speed reading class at Missouri Southern will be halfway done with the story.

Dr. Jan Holmes, associate professor of teacher education, said the class is designed to work with the individual student.

"We start at the speed the student is at when they come in," Holmes said. "Some people are reading at 250 words; some people are reading at 300 words. The first session we get a baseline reading rate, and depending upon where they start, we try to work to doubling that speed."

The students work at different paces because they each came in reading at a different rate. Each student has a folder where they record their progress.

The class first meets in a classroom in the Learning Center where they are taught about eye movement or oral fixations. The students then do a timed text reading. After the text reading they move to the computer lab. In the computer lab the class uses the software "Ultimate Speed Reading." When the student begins the software, they start with an eye movement exercise.

"It's (the eye movement exercises) like stretching before a game," she said.

After the stretches the students move onto newspaper reading. This is where they are timed on how fast they can read in columns, either one or two columns. The students then move onto paced reading.

Holmes said paced reading is where the computer changes the page, even if the student has not finished reading the page.

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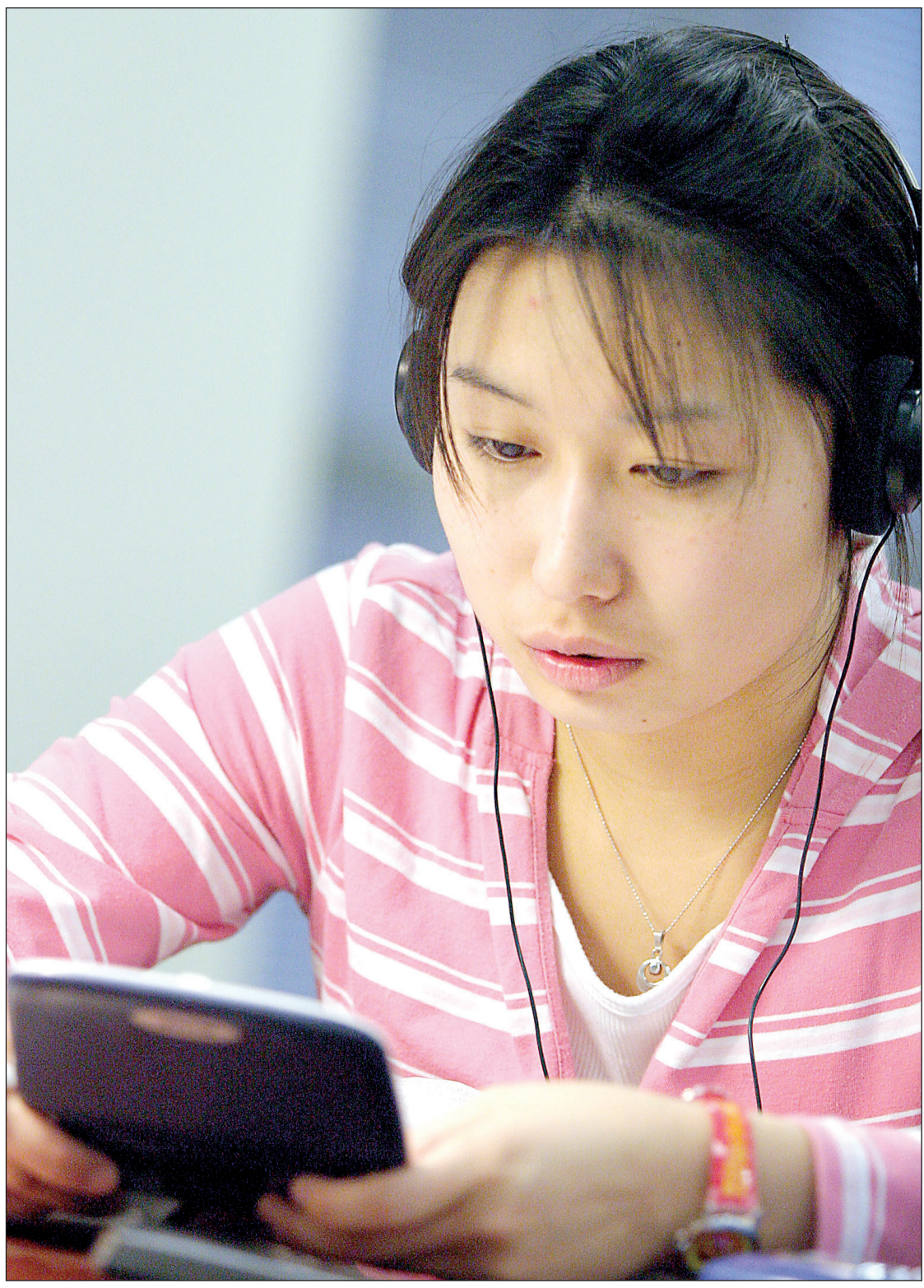

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Yun Mi Sa, senior international business major from South Korea, uses her electronic dictionary while studying in the library. Sa decided to stay inside to avoid the snowstorm Feb. 4.

Carnahan receives KA Crystal Award

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Doug Carnahan was caught off guard last week.

Carnahan, dean of students, was honored by The Joplin Area Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order, Jan. 31.

"I was pretty surprised," Carnahan said.

Locally, he was given a Crystal Excellence Award, which honors lifetime achievement in leadership. A representative of Kappa Alpha honored Carnahan with a national recognition award as well.

Carnahan, a past adviser to the Southern fraternity, has spoken at the Chapter's annual receptions several times. This time, however, he was the one being honored.

"It's always nice to be recognized," Carnahan said. "It's nice to be appreciated."

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Low: 9

SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny
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Low: 23

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AWARD:

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When Carnahan came to Southern in the late 1970s, he spent a great deal of time helping the organization get off the ground. It wasn't an easy-going process, however.

"It's survival on a commuter campus," he said. "It's tough to devote time to a fraternity."

Kappa Alpha is one of four Greek organizations on campus.

"It's a social outlet for many people," he said.

Bob Kelly, president of Kappa Alpha, said Carnahan deserved the recognition.

"People, like Doug, who take the time to promote Greek life on campus, are the exception to the rule," Kelly said. "That's why he received the award."

Kelly said the local chapter at Southern nearly folded in 1995.

"Doug did everything he could to keep it from going down," Kelly said.

Kelly met Carnahan in 1978 as an undergraduate. The two have maintained a friendship over the years.

"I wanted to maintain a good relationship with the dean," Kelly said.

Kelly immediately saw the effort Carnahan had to help the student life for Southern.

"Doug has done everything he can to help boost student life on campus," he said.

Past winners of the national organization have come from Auburn University and the University of Miami.

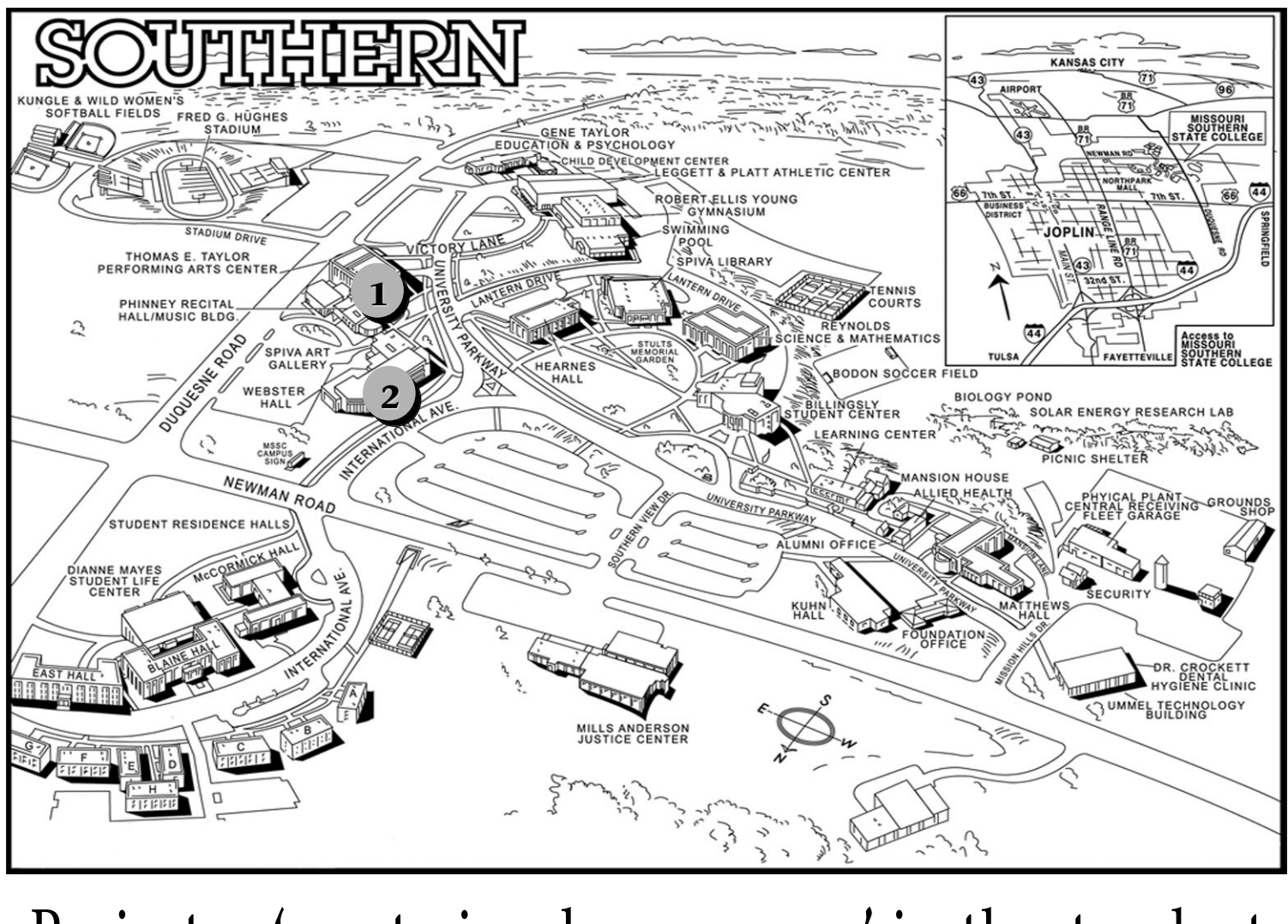
Carnahan wasn't the only Southern faculty member to be honored at the fraternal celebration.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, received the Kappa Alpha Rose. She too wasn't expecting an award. The award goes to a woman who works to improve the organization.

"It's nice to be recognized," Blackford said. "It was a really nice banquet."

Blackford said she was happy to receive the award, but acknowledged she is simply following her job description.

"It's my job to help them (Greek organizations)," she said.



Projector 'mysteriously reappears' in theatre dept.

1 Information

2/2/2004

7 p.m.

Security was notified by the secretary in the theatre department in reference to a missing projector.

The Epson projector that was missing since Jan. 22 had "mysterously reappeared" in the balcony of the theatre. The area had been searched before, and the projector was not found.

2 Threats

1/30/2004

11:10 a.m.

Security was called to *The Chart* office in reference to threats being made to an editor and an instructor.

A student, who resigned from the staff earlier in the day, was verbally abusive to staff members. He was advised to leave the area by security and was not allowed back in the office for any reason. The student's personal belongings were given to him at that time.

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Campus Calendar

Radio station broadcasts three Stravinsky operas Feb. 21

Missouri Southern's radio station KXMS 88.7 FM will be airing a triple bill of works by Igor Stravinsky live from the Metropolitan Opera House through the ChevronTexaco Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network, Feb. 21. The triple-bill will consist of the ballet "Le Sacre du Printemps" (The Rite of Spring), the lyric tale "Le Rossignol" (The Nightingale) and the opera-oratoio "Oedipus Rex."

During the second intermission the "ChevronTexaco's Opera Quiz" will be heard with panelists Ben Cameron, executive director of Theater Communications Group; Cori Ellison, New York City Opera's dramaturge; and Suzanne Matinucci, New York-based freelance writer and editor.

Southern Speech and Debate looks to Boston for next event

The Missouri Southern Speech and Debate Squad competed in the annual Gorlock Gala at Webster University Jan. 30-Feb. 1. More than 75 debaters from 23 schools in nine states took part.

At the tournament, Jason Edgar, senior speech communication major, and Eric Crinnian, freshman undecided major, qualified for elimination rounds by posting 5-1 records. Edgar and Crinnian competed against each other in the final round. Crinnian was named top individual LD speaker, and Edgar was second.

In individual events, Edgar and Jeff Dugdale, senior CIS major, competed in duo interpretation finishing seventh in individual events. Dugdale finished sixth in After Dinner Speaking coupled with a semi-final finish in prose interpretation. Crinnian qualified for the NFA national tournament in debate. Southern won the traveling sweepstakes trophy given to best tournament performance over a five-year span. The squad next heads to Boston for the Suffolk and Simmons Swing debates Feb. 13-16.

Literary Lions plan discussion on biography of former president

The next book chosen for discussion by the Literary Lions Book Club is *Man of the People,* a biography of Harry S. Truman by Alonzo Hamby. The book club is sponsored by the Missouri Southern Alumni Association and Spiva Library. To take part in the discussion persons can contact the alumni office at 625-9355. The discussion group is limited to the first 15 participants to contact the alumni office. The Literary Lions are accepting memberships. With a $25 donation each member receives a discount card to the University Java Coffee Shop, refreshments at all reading sessions and participation at a special "Meet the Author" session.

Members will first meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the University Java Coffee Shop for an introduction to the biography by Dr. Steve Wagner, assistant professor of history. The group will then meet March 11 for group discussion at the same location and time. On March 31, members will be able to meet with the author at a location and time to be announced later. The discussion and wrap up will be held April 22 with Wagner.

University president receives symbolic check from Foundation

Curt Betebenner, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation, presented a check to University President Julio León Feb. 5. The check was for the amount of $3.5 million, which represented the amount of pledges received to date in the "Building a University for the 21st Century" capital and endowment campaign.

To date, 283 individuals and corporations have made contributions/pledges to the campaign. The Foundation expects to raise $7.6 million for the University by June 30, 2005.

Larry Hickey is serving as the honorary chairman for the campaign, while Myron Mckinney, Joe Newman and Russ Smith serve as co-chairs.

Student presents thesis on film interpretations of post-Cold War

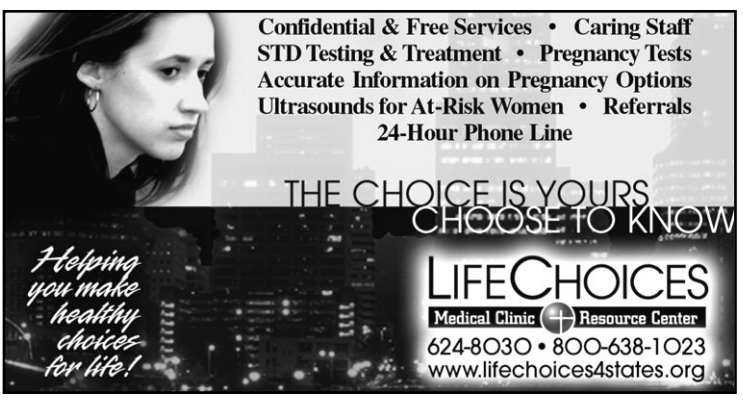
Sarah Hickman, senior history major, will present her honor senior thesis at 3 p.m. Feb. 16 in Webster Hall, Room 105. Hickman's thesis is entitled "As Simple As Black and White: Post-war American film interpretations of the Cold War era."

The presentation is free to the public.

Financial Aid office gives away scholarships in fair Feb. 24

From 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the office of financial aid will be holding a Mardi Gras themed financial aid fair Feb. 24 in the Billingsly Student Center. Students can visit with representatives from various organizations in the community. Ten $100 scholarships will be given away to students who attend the event.

From 5:30-7:30 p.m., there will be workshop sessions on aspects of financial aid paperwork. The sessions will be held on the third floor of BSC. The event is free to students and application to the programs are free.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Eighth-grade teacher comes to University as recruiter

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

There is a new transfer recruiter in town.

Susan Miller took the new transfer admissions counselor position at Missouri Southern.

Susan Miller
Transfer Admissions Counselor

"I like working with students," Miller said.

With the new position, she said it would be "a trial-and-error thing."

"I am going to try and develop the job," she said. "Being in a new position, hopefully you get those recruits in."

As a recruiter, Miller must go to different areas and recruit students to Southern.

She plans on starting with colleges like Fort Scott Community College and Crowder College.

"Right now I am just going to concentrate on the junior colleges," Miller said. "I am going to try to go to those once a month. If it's a college fair, I'll go out farther."

Miller said with the new job, she does not have to stay in the office all day.

"I like to travel," she said.

"I get to be out-and-about."

As of right now, Miller is not sure what there is to like about being a recruiter.

"I have not been here long enough," she said.

There are challenges that come with being a recruiter.

"I am not going to be able to convince everyone to come here," Miller said. "Some of that is going to be a challenge."

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, said Miller is trying to go through the ropes of the new position.

"We are very pleased to have her," Skaggs said. "She is going to be a tremendous help."

Miller said recruiting students to the University is "one of the most important things there is to do on campus."

Before Miller started working at Southern, she was an eighth-grade English teacher.

"I was teaching before, and I really wanted to try and change careers," she said. "I really wanted to work here."

Miller said there is a difference between working in a classroom and being a transfer recruiter.

"I am very confined in a classroom," she said.

"You go eat when the students eat. You never get to leave. So far I have not had any papers to grade at night at home. That's really nice not having to do that kind of work at home like I had to do when I was teaching."

Senate holds informal meeting

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

The falling snow, blowing wind and dropping temperatures kept several student senators away from the Student Senate floor.

Zach Odem
Student Senate President

Senate held an informal meeting Feb. 4. A quorum, 18 of 36 senators, could not be met.

Zack Odem, Senate president, asked the senators present for the meeting if they would like to discuss topics in an informal meeting. The senators agreed.

Two organizations that came were also allowed to speak to the senators so the organizations would not have to come again Feb. 11.

The National Broadcasting Society discussed its upcoming trip to Miami, Fla. for a convention with the possibility of winning awards.

Sigma Tau Delta, an English honor society, discussed its planned trip to Daytona, Fla. The honor society will take several recognized members to a conference where they, too, will have the possibility of winning awards in areas such as short story and poetry.

Senators were allowed to speak freely during the informal meeting, since there were no rules.

Any topic was allowed to come before the floor, and several senators had ideas about campus issues.

The snow brought the idea to some senators that there should be a more formal snow cancellation process for students who commute to campus.

Some senators discussed the food in the cafeteria and the possibility for change. Adam Griffin and Josh Doak, co-advisers to Senate, said the senators should ask their friends to make use of the suggestion box near the cafeteria.

"They really listen to those suggestions," Griffin said. "They want feedback."

Griffin also noted changes in the food plans, as there will be no exchange for meals from the cafeteria to the Lion's Den for next year.

Recycling, Healthy Relationships Week and other topics were discussed before the senators decided to leave.

As for the Senate trip to Jefferson City, senators will be able to tour the Missouri Supreme Court and the Highway Patrol Museum because of the canceled tour of the correctional facilities.

The meeting was dismissed for senators to go home safely, but Odem said he would rather have had a formal meeting because of the nature of Senate's representation. For the Feb. 11 meeting, Senate will officially decide on the organizations that were present, and it will officially recognize all business it would have worked on during the canceled meeting.

"You can't do anything official," he said. "It's basically just as if the meeting never happened."

Communications department changes name

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Some would call it a face-lift.

For the communications department, however, it's all business. Next fall the Missouri Southern communications department will officially be named the department of communication and foreign languages. The name change is being issued to accommodate department growth.

"I've been told that we're the largest department on campus," said Dr. Jay Moorman, communications department head. "It's a management challenge to organize everything."

Although the department has seen steady growth over the years, Moorman said one of the main reasons for the name change is to see foreign languages expand.

He believes that by having foreign languages in the department name, more recognition will come.

"Sometimes people don't realize we offer foreign languages," Moorman said. "We want to spread awareness."

Dr. Maryann Weber, foreign languages director, will be leaving the position in fall 2004 to pursue a sabbatical. The person filling the position for the fall has yet to be named. Moorman said the communications department needs a coordinator to help manage foreign language faculty.

Dr. Jay Moorman
Communications Department Head

"It's a huge amount," he said. "We're talking about a whole other level of management."

The communications department has been seeking a name change for the last year and a half. In the fall of 2003, different levels of Southern administration unanimously accepted the name change for fall 2004.

The proposal had to go through the dean for the school of arts and sciences, the vice president for academic affairs and eventually needed University President Julio León's approval. Moorman said in the future he'd like to see the foreign languages become a separate department.

"That's something that's desired," he said. "But we want to do it in a practical manner."

If the department separation were to take place, most likely the departments would still share the same office space as it does now on the third floor of Webster Hall.

"I think we'll always be together," he said. "But I think they will be their own department in time."

While a separation of the two areas of the communications department could be several years away, Moorman said for now, he's just happy about the name change.

"It gives us a more descriptive name," he said. "I'm pleased the administration wanted to recognize the contributions that the foreign languages have been making to the University."

"Sometimes people don't realize we offer foreign languages."
Dr. Jay Moorman
Communications Department Head

SEX AND THE CITY

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February 9th - 13th

Monday, February 9 & Tuesday February 10
10am - 1pm:
"Sex and the City" fair in the BSC Lounge.
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February 11
12 noon - 1pm:
"Perfect Pals" Gameshow in BSC Lounge.
- Prizes include date packages and stuffed animals
- CAB Valentines on Sale for $5

Thursday, February 12 & Friday, February 13
CAB Valentines on Sale for $5

CAB will be selling Valentine's consisting of a mug, candy, and a small balloon for $5 all week in the Student Activities office.

Date packages to be given away valued at over $50!! Includes a dinner gift certificate, 2 movie tickets and Joe Muggs coffee.

Sex and the City is sponsored by CAB, Student Support Center, RHA and Campus Wellness and Recreation.

Nursing instructor publishes chapter

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

Communicable diseases were the topic of one instructor's recent publishing.

Dr. J. Mari Beth Barr
Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Jean Mari Beth Barr, assistant professor of nursing, wrote the fourth chapter for *Straight A's in Pediatric Nursing*, "Communicable diseases and infections."

"I reviewed chapter six of the book," Barr said. "When you review, you have to send back a detailed report."

She said the publisher, Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins, an international publisher of professional health information, liked her review so much the company asked her to write the chapter, which did not have an author at the time.

Barr said she enjoyed writing the 60-page manuscript, which took her several weeks, but after editing and being put into print type, Barr's chapter is only 18 pages.

Dr. Barbara Box, head of the nursing department, said she thinks Barr's efforts are "fabulous."

"Our focus here is on students and learning," Box said. "So for faculty to write is awesome."

Barr has had her work published before.

"My goal is to publish one thing every year," she said.

Barr said she has met this goal since she received her doctorate.

"She (Barr) has gained some status in the pediatric nursing area," Box said. "I think she's an asset to our University."

Box said she encourages those in her area to do several activities, including writing or advising student organizations. She said everyone in her department tries to have something published from time to time.

Box said people do not know Missouri Southern and publishing is one way to publicize the University.

Dr. Tia Strait, dean of the school of technology, said publishing is "highly encouraged" at Southern because it helps professors become more experienced in their areas.

"I highly encourage professors to publish to stay on top of their field of expertise," Strait said.

She said those in the school of technology have to "stay on top" because the field changes so much.

"It takes a lot of extra time for faculty to write," Strait said.

Dr. Chuck Fahrer, assistant professor of geography, also published recently. He wrote *Political Geography, third edition*, with Martin Glassner.

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Editor's Column

'Big-breast bare all' raises controversy

T.J. Gerlach
Managing Editor

Oh dear God, the world is coming to an end.

Why? Simply because a woman's breast was shown on broadcast television.

I do not know whether the event was intentional or not. And quite frankly, I really do not care if it was.

People are making this event so much more of a controversy than it is.

Should CBS and MTV be punished? If they planned the big-breast bare all then sure, fine them, and why not Viacom as well? It owns the two.

How would this situation be handled if it had occurred on a cable or satellite network? It would not raise quite the stink it has.

Besides, remember back in September 1999 at the MTV Video Music Awards when Lil' Kim wore nothing but a "patch" on one of her breasts? And then, to add fuel to the fire, diva Diana Ross touched Lil' Kim's breast on stage. If I am not mistaken, the VMAs are pre-recorded, so why was that breast not blurred over?

Juxtaposing the two events, it seems the lines of censorship are pretty distinct for broadcast, yet not so much for cable. People have become outraged that the breast was allowed to be shown, yet have no qualms about the 1999 VMA event. This is rather absurd considering the halftime show was a live event.

Even though accidents do happen, and this did not seem like an accident, people are still blowing Janet Jackson's breast entirely out of proportion. Nothing overtly sexual was shown on television — except for Justin Timberlake grabbing Jackson's chest.

If people are worried about children seeing this type of body part, then these same people should also never consider going to the lake, beach or pool. More than what Jackson showed can be seen at these locations.

Another point that should be brought up is what did CBS expect when it hired MTV to produce the halftime show. As I said above, Viacom owns both companies, so I realize CBS might have had some sort of obligation to hire the ever-popular, always-controversial entity known as MTV.

Whether or not CBS was let in on any secret is a key issue for the FCC probes. If the broadcast giant knew, its censors should have known what to expect, and perhaps they did. The part of the breast that often constitutes it being bare — the nipple — was not shown, so censors did not see it fit to correct the problem. Perhaps then, this is the same case with Lil' Kim in 1999. (Even if most human beings are attracted to shiny things, which both the nipple coverings were).

But consider this: Why would Jackson be wearing the nipple covering if the event was not planned?

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Semesters add to culture

Chart Opinion

With an international mission here at Missouri Southern, some question why we have themed semesters. One should not question why Southern holds the themed semesters, but should ask: "Why shouldn't Southern have one?"

With society becoming more global every month, it becomes obvious that knowing something, even if it is a little bit, about another culture is important. What would happen if a student from a university that does not have themed semester goes up against a Southern student for a job that would place them in Cuba or any other country the University chooses to spotlight? We believe the Southern student would have the better chance of landing the job because he or she would have the knowledge of different aspects of the culture in those countries.

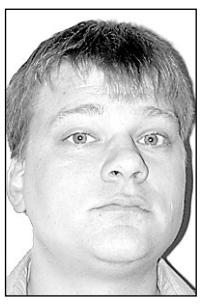
So, when it comes to one's education, students should not neglect the fact the world is a global community. Students should embrace the chance they have to learn about another culture. Learning about these cultures could also give students the chance to travel to other countries.

Students seem to forget the fact that the opportunity to learn about another culture can benefit them in the long run. How many careers have the opportunity to place workers in an overseas department? (Ask any professor, he or she could tell how previous students have gone overseas with their jobs.)

Whether it's mother Russia, neighbor Mexico or sister France, it's our duty to strive for diversity in our education.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

What do you think about Southern's themed semesters?



"I've never gotten much out of them. Not many people show up to hear the speaker unless a professor takes a class in. All the activities are geared toward the people that live on campus or close by."

Jerad Thornton
Senior
Radiology
Major

"I consider it time consuming when you're trying to study for other classes then you have to go to lectures instead of studying."

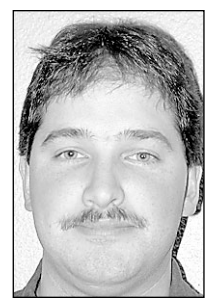
Christine Rhoades
Junior
Respiratory
Major

"As a college, it's good for our reputation. But for an individual biology major, it doesn't affect me much."

Jason French
Senior
Biology
Major

"They give us an opportunity to experience different cultures."

Tiffany Huss
Sophomore
Radiology
Major



"I'm just here to learn."

Brad Staggs
Senior
Nursing
Major

Letters

Abortion provides women with right of free choice

Everyone is definitely entitled to his or her own opinion, however, criticizing someone for not making a life-altering decision that only affects his or her lives is very unnecessary.

I found it disturbing that someone who has more than likely never been faced with the dilemma of parenthood when they weren't ready actually able to talk down on someone else's personal decision. I highly disagree with the idea of controlling what someone else does with his or her reproductive system.

It would be one thing to give someone advice and offer good reasons for other options, but you don't know what's going on in a woman's life to make such judgments. There are many people that didn't have abortions and aren't able to support their children, are living in poverty, and have no resources. Do you stand up for them?

Maybe you should put a little more focus into that issue and not focus on controlling a woman's body. If someone doesn't have the right to make choices regarding his or her privacy, his or her future, and ultimately, his or her destiny, if a woman's freedom of choice is taken away, which is part of her human rights, how can you say we live in a free country?

Auriel Brown
Sophomore
Public Relations Major

Adoption offers alternative to life-ending abortions

I am writing in regard to Philip Martin's column about abortion. I want to lend my support to this cause. I also would like to let you know that I appreciate him taking a stand for the right thing.

I've often heard the case that abortions cannot, or should not, be denied to all women because of the fact that sadly women are raped or that it may come down to the mother's life being at stake. However, the vast majority of abortions are done as a means of birth control. Martin hit the nail on the head when he talked about abstinence being a way to overcome this problem. However, if one does find themselves in the position of an unwanted child, then there are numerous couples who wish to have the opportunity to adopt. I can testify to this because some of my siblings are in my life because someone else chose to let them live and allow them to be adopted.

Adoption, abstinence, keeping the child, there are so many other choices than killing a baby that has yet had a chance. So, thank you, Philip, for making sure one voice is heard and allowing many others the opportunity to speak out against something that cheapens the value of each person alive.

Noelle Ott
Freshman
Elementary Education Major

Abortion protects lives, gives choice to millions

Did I ask Philip Martin what to do with my body? I don't recall any one of the millions of American women asking him to dictate their reproductive freedoms. An article of this caliber is just asking for outrage, rather than expressing it. In "Abortion Denies Life to Thousands," Martin calls abortion a "vain" choice. Vain? A woman's decision to choose is not trivial. Should a 12-year-old victim of incest or rape be denied the right to have an abortion? Or, at least, is this decision "vain?" Or perhaps a couple facing the birth of a child with severe or fatal genetic disorders? Or a woman with a dead fetus inside of her, with her life endangered? Should Martin force her to carry it? Abortion is not an option for vanity. I suppose Martin thinks abortion is wrong, except for when he approves in cases of incest, rape, or a threat to the mother's life. Well, he can't have it both ways.

The Alan Guttmacher Institute states that the United States accounts for only 3 percent of the world's abortions. Twenty-six million women globally have legal abortions performed each year, and an additional 20 million are forced to resort to illegal abortions.

According to the World Health Organization estimates, back-alley abortions are responsible for 13 percent of all maternal mortality worldwide; those which occur where abortion is illegal. Planned Parenthood cites that an estimated 80,000 women die each year of unsafe, illegal abortions.

Eighty percent of today's legal abortions in the United States are performed within 12 weeks of pregnancy, with 56 percent within the first eight weeks. Only about 1 percent are performed at 20 weeks, (Planned Parenthood). "Partial birth" abortion, the name coined for the procedure called "intact dilation and extraction" is a procedure reserved for women whose fetus is dead, dying,

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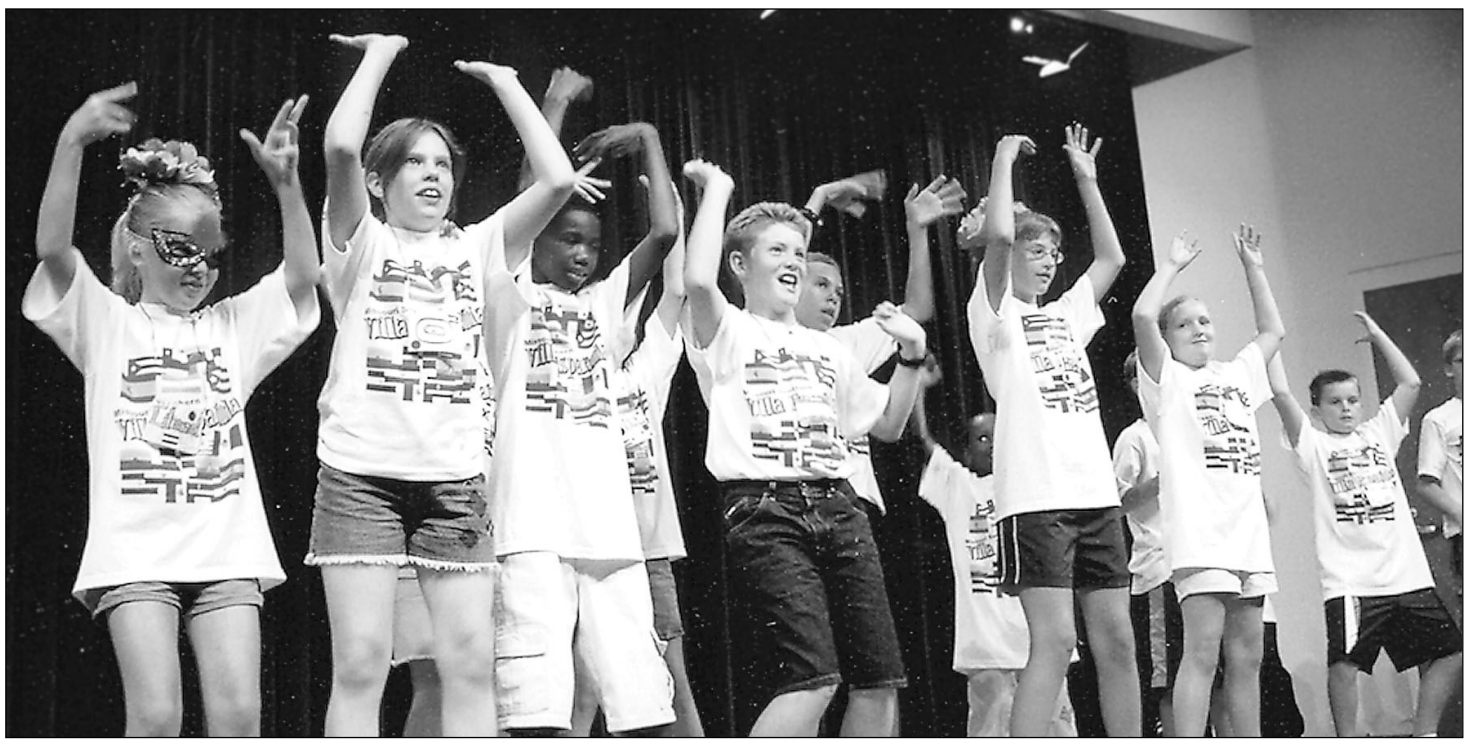


Special to The Chart

Among other activities, children who join the Villa Española, or Spanish Village, end the week-long camp with a song and dance.

Children join in village fun

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Children from around the area are invited to challenge their foreign language skills at the Villa Española.

The Villa Española, or Spanish Village, is Missouri Southern's summer program, which allows children ages 8 to 13 to experience a week immersed in Spanish.

Dr. Tatiana Karmanova, associate professor of Spanish and Russian, directs the program.

"(The village) gives them (children) the excitement to enjoy foreign languages," Karmanova said.

The children come to the program and are given passports to one of five Spanish-speaking countries. They do not actually go to these countries, but are split into five groups and compete as "countries."

Karmanova said the experience allows children to experience the college atmosphere first hand. The villagers can either stay the week in the residence halls as residential villagers or participate as day villagers going home after a day of work and games.

Counselors, Southern students who volunteer for the week, guide the villagers in their daily activities as well as prepare the costumes and props for plays the villagers perform in.

"It's sheer exhaustion. By the third night, you want to go to bed early . . ."

Ruschelle Gunlock
Senior Spanish Education Major

"We go strong," said Ruschelle Gunlock, senior Spanish education and counselor during the 2003 Village.

Gunlock said the best part of the experience is getting to know the villagers.

"They are really good kids," she said.

Other counselors would agree.

"It's really rewarding to see the kids with the same interests as you," said Leslie Parker, Spanish instructor and head counselor of the 2003 village.

Parker first worked at the village when she was enrolled as a student at Southern. She has come back every year except one since her initial year as a counselor.

Many villagers return each year. When they do, they are moved up through varying levels of Spanish education.

Counselors direct the games the villagers play, which include three-legged races, plays, painting and swimming among others.

"It's sheer exhaustion. By the third night you want to go to bed early when the kids do," Gunlock said.

Gunlock said the activities are directed mostly in Spanish so the villagers gain more than just the usual vocabulary lesson.

"It's a great way to let kids start out their language experience," Parker said.

Gunlock and Parker agreed the hardest part of the village is letting the children go home as they both become attached to the villagers.

The village has openings for 90 children. Karmanova said some families enrolled in August, even though the next village dates are July 11-16.

The Residential Village costs $450 and the Day Village costs $300. Applications for villagers and information on how students can become counselors are available in the International Language Resource Center.

Association honors international study in 2004 publication

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Out of 42 contenders, Missouri Southern made the final eight honored colleges or universities with specialized areas of international focus.

The honors come from the NAFSA: Association of International Educators. The association produces the annual report, *Internationalizing the Campus Report 2004.*

"It's another form of recognition that our international mission is working and being noticed by international experts around the country," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

The advisory panel for NAFSA noted the international mission of the University, its international curriculum and its themed semesters as unique and having the potential for being used as a model for other campuses.

"Every college and university has a study abroad program, and only a few of us have the themed semesters," Stebbins said.

Ursula Oaks, director of press relations for NAFSA, said after a college or university receives the honors, an educational writer in conjunction with the association will review the institution.

The review involves interviews and campus visits with students and faculty.

The report will be published in the fall and will take into account the curriculum of the institution as well as the programs the institution sponsors.

"It shows the commitment of the institution," Oaks said.

In order for an institution to compete, it must be nominated first. Stebbins nominated the University during the fall 2003 semester, however the honors were not given out until January.

The nominations were then taken by an advisory panel, which reviewed the contents of the competing institutions international stances.

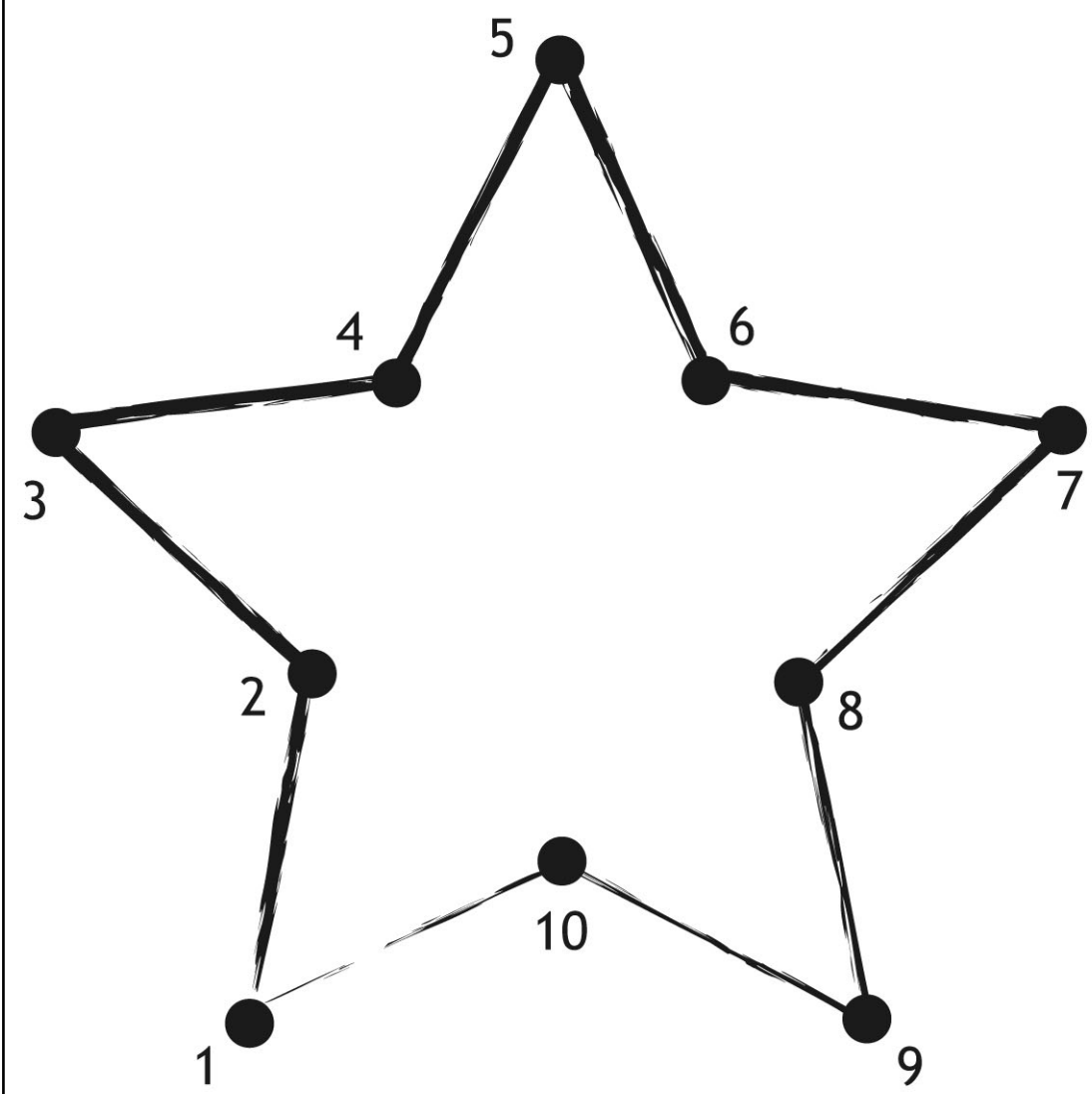
"(The panel is) looking for schools that are standouts," Oaks said. "There are lots of different ways for the internationalization of the campus." The award is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and Educational Testing Service.

Dr. Chad Stebbins
Director of the Institute of International Studies

Though there is no formal awards ceremony, the report highlighting the University will be made available to the public after its publication.

"It's gratifying to see us awarded," Stebbins said.

The seven other institutions which received honors were Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa.; Lynn University, Boca Raton, Fla.; University of Notre Dame; Suffolk University, Boston; University of Delaware; University of Florida; and the University of Oregon.



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One Track Mind wins coveted band battle

By Debby Woodworth
Staff Writer

Area bands competed for prizes Jan. 30 in the Balls to the Wall, Battle of the Bands final contest, held at The Green room in Joplin.

First place went to One Track Mind, a Joplin band, and was announced in the final of several competitions sponsored by Real Rock 101.7, Budweiser, *The Scatter* and The Green Room.

Second place went to Macon, also a Joplin band. The Pawn Monkeys, from Ft. Scott, Kan., took third place.

Brandon Nivens, the lead singer of One Track Mind and senior mass communications major, said he and the drummer of OTM are former members of the band Parasitehost, which also took first place in the 2000 MSSC IUMA.com Battle of the Bands.

"We didn't expect to win," Nivens said.

The prizes included a $200 gift certificate from Ernie Williamson Music, a Budweiser electric guitar, an opener for Nation Act at Foxtown City Limits and passes to all Foxtown concerts in 2004, a headlining show at The Green Room with its two favorite bands, five hours of recording time at Woodland Studios and a cash prize package.

The night featured a seven-band showdown, while screaming guitars and thundering drums battled it out. An estimated crowd of 200 people cheered and swayed in front of the stage.

Each band had about 20 minutes to show its stuff. The Teflon Dons were the first to take the stage with an upright bass. A member of one of the other competing bands said the Teflon Dons "were really good and I haven't seen the fingered bass thing done before."

Lycium, a Lawrence, Kansas, based band, performed second. The first song was "The Fistfight that Didn't Have to Happen." The lead singer became twisted in the red and blue microphone cables as he jumped, slid on his knees and sang to the music.

The group's drums, in at least one song, resembled tribal dance drums on a warpath. The lead singer sometimes stared into the lights reverently, as if absorbing them, and ended the last song flat on his back. The DJ for Real Rock 101.7, The Love Doctor, came on the stage, grabbed the microphone and yelled, "Somebody call 911," as the crowd clapped and roared.

Between groups, sponsors handed out T-shirts to the crowd for answering music and beer trivia questions.

Roger Rotwang worked behind the scenes as soundman and set up stage equipment.

The Pond Monkeys from Kansas was the third band to play.

When The Love Doctor introduced the band he said, "Hot to trot from Fort Scott."

As the excited chatter in the room escalated, pool balls clacked, and somebody played golf on a big screen in the corner of the room.

The lead guitarist wore a red cape. The lead singer said, "Throw money at the band." These guys changed instruments back and forth as they changed songs. Drummers exchanged, along with bass players, and lead guitarists, emphasizing their multi talents on various instruments.

One floor member kept busy handing out new guitars and picking up knocked over mics. At one point a sound similar to European sirens came from the band.

Fourth up was One Track Mind with a smooth, strong sound. Nivens, with his shoulder-blade length, light, brown hair asked the group, "Are you ready, we're not playing until you're ready."

The crowd roared its answer. People crowded in to listen to and cheer the group and sang along with the band.

Devoted fans danced in front of the stage, and disappeared, or grew larger, as each band changed.

As the night drew on, the place became more and more crowded with almost standing room only at times.

Then, band number five, Macon, came on, a favorite among the audience, placing second in the competition. The first song was "Start Again" and featured the thunder of heavy bass drums.

"Is it hot or is it just me?" The lead singer said. Later he traded shirts with someone from the audience, as the crowd screamed with delight.

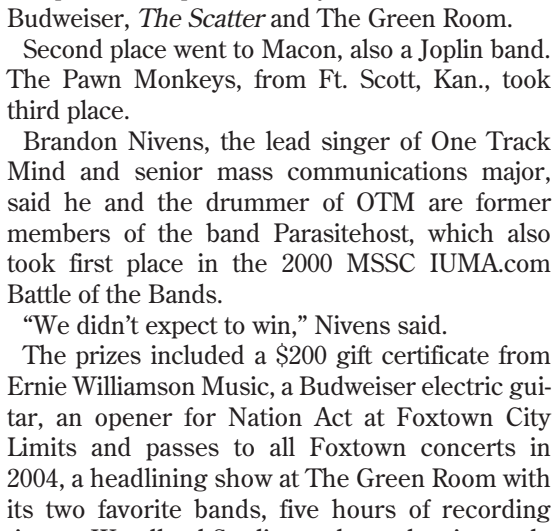
Stephanie Johnston, sophomore mass communications major, said Macon did a great job. She said members of Macon attend Southern. She also works with all of them at Ruby Tuesday.

"Macon makes you feel like it's what music is all about," Johnston said.

Ultrafix, from Tulsa, was the only band in the competition with a female lead singer.

The drummer used showmanship tricks like twirling his drumsticks as batons, and standing abruptly, with sticks held high in the air, as a song ended. At one point, the lead singer, bass player and lead guitarist were all jumping on the stage in unison to the beat of the music. They sang a brand new song, never before heard.

The last band up was Freak Flag. The group opened staring at the drummer as they played, as though the audience was not there. It didn't make eye contact with the audience for a couple of songs which were mostly all instrumental and included a sax and synthesizer.



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Macon front man, Paul Farris, sings to a group of fans during the Battle of the Bands.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Larry Deardoff, lead singer and guitarist for Freak Flag, performed in front of a full house Jan. 30 during the Balls to the Wall, Winner Takes All Battle of the Bands at The Green Room.

The drummer wore no shirt and was drenched with sweat by the end of the set. He moved from instrument to instrument focusing heavily on the sounds they made. His hand trembled as he held it high above the organ. It was a building, dramatic type of music.

One song they played was "Mark Twain."

One audience member, who is also a drummer in a non-competing band said she hoped Freak Flag would win the contest, because she liked its mellow sound.

After the votes were in, she said she was surprised that Freak Flag didn't even place.

Several bands were selling CDs at the event. Most of the bands can be found online.

If interested in more information about the winning band, One Track Mind, its Web site is http://www.otmrocks.com.

New Year's Revolutions

Best rock albums of 2003 make waves with industry

Review Corner

Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

The Mars Volta: Deloused in the Commotorium

Former At The Drive-In members create a morbid twisting tale of psychosis by weaving together the aggressive emotion of post-punk progressive rock with the energy of latin music.

The band goes beyond the barriers of radio-friendly tracts with songs that change style and genre four and five times in eight minutes. The result is a highly experimental acid-trip with addictive hooks that puts the listener into a trance.

Thursday: War All The Time

The sophomore set from the New Jersey based group is audibly a more mature take on the same deep subject matter. The screaming is still present, but in a more palatable form and is replaced with strong vocals and the signature voice overs. The smoother sound is gained without sacrificing any of the band's original intensity. The album will make you think, cry and want to protest human rights abuses, but don't expect to laugh.

Radiohead: Hail to the Thief

In what may be the finest effort by what has been called the greatest band in the world, Radiohead has done the unthinkable: reinvented themselves without alienating fans. The latest offering by the English band is hauntingly familiar while producing a completely new sound. The album is instrumentally full-bodied and lush and is paired with the signature biting lyrics to produce an intense and beautiful hour-long experience.

The Fire Theft: Self-titled

Former Sunny Day Real Estate frontman, Jeremy Enigk, has created a masterpiece in the first album from his newly formed band. The tracts range from delicate to driving. Grand pianos mix with electric guitars and distortion machines create an overall feeling of transcendence more often found in ambient noise.

The result is chilling and sadly beautiful. It is an album worth falling in love with.

Vatterott College's new esthetic program offers spa services and pampering for locals on a tight budget. For information, read the story.

CAB
Campus Activities Board

Group names comedic host for talent show

BY DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

Southern's Campus Activities Board met Feb. 4, one week after meeting with the recreation center architects.

Approximately eight students were in attendance for the brief meeting although a few items were discussed.

Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation, started the meeting with a recap of the architects' visit.

"Their concern was the students," Fullerton said.

The architects spoke with 152 students and 76 faculty and staff, Fullerton said.

Plans for a campus-wide survey are currently underway.

Fullerton and the architects hope to have at least 500 students respond, approximately 10 percent of the student enrollment.

Fullerton said he was impressed to hear the architects were only interested in what the students wanted.

Members of CAB discussed plans for next week's Healthy Relationships Week, in which CAB will sponsor a hot dog stand, a make-your-own Valentines booth and love bingo.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, confirmed the master of ceremones, up-and-coming comedian Alexandria McHale, for the spring talent show.

McHale has made numerous televised performances including "The Tonight Show" and Comedy Central's "Premium Blend." McHale has been the master of ceremonies for numerous other college talent shows.

Students with a talent are encouraged to apply at the student activities office. First prize is $200.

CAB will continue searching for a novelty event to take place the afternoon of March 8. A game show will take place March 9, and the talent show will occur on March 10.

On March 11, CAB is sponsoring spike night, a night of events that will run into the early morning hours.

Blackford has officially announced that Patch Adams will be coming to campus.

"Unfortunately, the hospitals aren't interested in helping us out," Blackford said. "They were excited we were having him, but they weren't really interested in helping us sponsor it."

CAB does have other contacts, but Blackford said CAB could cover the whole bill if necessary.

Adams will speak on April 29, most likely at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

CAB plans to show the movie *Patch Adams* at least twice prior to Adams' visit to spark interest.

Blackford prefers to screen the film in a location where students can have food. The Lions Den is the location for the screenings.

Students interested in CAB are invited to attend the weekly meetings at 2 p.m., Wednesdays in the student activities office on the second floor of the BSC.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Linda Warren (left), Pittsburg, and Karen Wingert, Lamar, students in Vatterott's newest program, esthetics, hone their makeup application skills by practicing on each other.

New area program provides quality spa services for less

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

Never has homework been so much fun.

Last September Vatterott College opened its doors to a new esthetic program and an eager flock of locals looking for inexpensive ways to pamper themselves.

Esthetics involves receiving sense impressions and deals primarily with skin care, waxing body treatments and makeup application. The services Vatterott offers include specialty masks, chemical peels, aroma salt glows, seaweed body wraps, facial waxing and eyebrow and eyelash tinting. The most popular service is the facial, offered in 30, 60 and 90-minute increments.

Melissa Parker, esthetic instructor at Vatterott, became interested in esthetics while staying home to raise her children.

"I wanted to be a teacher and I got interested in esthetics," Parker said. "I enrolled at Class Act and fell in love."

All of the treatments are performed by Vatterott students and, as an incentive to potential esthetic guinea pigs, all of the service prices are less than in a professional spa. The prices range from $4 for facial waxing to $20 for a 90-minute facial and specialty mask or chemical peel. A 30-minute facial is offered for $10.

The esthetic services offer more than just relaxation value.

Receiving certain treatments regularly can provide real physical health benefits.

"It's more than just beauty, it's really about taking care of your skin," said Krisy Whitely, Vatterott esthetic student from Joplin. "A facial once a week can really make a difference and result in healthier skin."

Meegan Brown, senior English major, has used Vatterott's esthetic services from the program's start and thinks it is a viable weekly option because of the reduced cost.

"It's an inexpensive way to pamper yourself on a student's budget," Brown said. "It's fabulous, go spoil yourself."

Ten students ranging in age from 22 to 49-year-olds are currently enrolled in Vatterott's program that attracts 10 to 12 clients a week.

"Some people have standing appointments for every Tuesday night," Parker said.

The students are required by law to have 60 hours of practice to work on paying customers, but Parker requires at least 100 hours of practice from her students to work on the clinic floor. Often the students log these hours by practicing on each other.

Parker said the students enjoy the clinical hours as much as the clients receiving the treatments.

"They [the students] think it's kind of a therapy time," Parker said. "Esthetics is really about healing other people and yourself. They [the students] need to know what it feels like to be pampered, to pamper."

The program uses the same high-quality products as some of the other area spas and has access to the newest technology in the field. Three-and-a-half weeks ago Vatterott acquired a Rejuvalight light therapy machine that uses light energy to stimulate the skin's elastin to reduce wrinkles and cellulite.

"As far as I know it is the only machine of its kind in the area," Parker said. "NASA uses the same technology to promote healing in cuts for astronauts."

Parker reinforces that clients won't get all of the perks of a professional spa, but will receive excellent treatment and will leave pampered.

"If you're on a budget, you still deserve to be pampered," she said.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Vatterott esthetic students practice cutting, perming and styling mannequin heads before taking live clients.

Colds function as body's yearly revenge for abuse

Funny Thing About Life...

DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

"I hed a code."

That's the only thing that came out of my mouth this morning. I woke up not breathing out of my nose; it's a wonder I didn't die of asphyxiation during the night.

When you have a cold, nothing works right. Everything is all screwed up. My throat was sore, so I got a drink. That made my ear hurt. I cleaned it out, which made my nose run. I blew my nose, which made my head hurt.

I think having a cold is your body's way of paying you back for all the things you did to it the previous year.

That's why you get it every year and there's no cure for it. I also think it wants you to eat healthy for a change, which is why we always eat chicken soup.

Anyway, I did what everybody does when they get a cold, go to the pharmacy. Now, in this day and age, with pharmaceuticals becoming more and more evident, my goal is to get in and out of the drugstore without having to provide a urine sample.

I stood in front of the cold aisle, eyes half shut, nose running, mouth hanging open, looking for the most effective medicine at, of course, the lowest price.

I was quick to choose a medicine, I wanted to avoid any unfriendly confrontations with the drugstore personnel, and took it to the counter thinking I was home free.

Boy was I wrong. All I wanted was some quick-acting nasal decongestant with added "dexyphohydron." That's all. Apparently that didn't sound so good to the lady behind the counter.

She looked at me as if I had just insulted her mother.

"You sick?" she asked, unapologetically.

I stared back at her, trying to keep the snot off my chin.

"You got an I.D.?" she asked, as if I were a 15 year-old kid trying to buy beer.

"Ao you therious?" I replied in my poor condition.

Not wanting to argue, I handed her my driver's license, coincidentally with the hand I had just wiped my nose .

Finally, some relief. Now, because the common cold has no real cure, cold medicines just make you "feel good."

I've had a cold for four days now, which means I've been "feeling good" for three.

Soon my body will return full control of itself back over to me for another year's worth of abuse. Personally, I can't wait to talk normal again.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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Barbershop 2: Back in Business, Catch That Kid and *Miracle* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Nothing Left to Lose punk concert @ 7 p.m. @ Groundworks Coffeehouse in Leavenworth, Kan.

The Canadian Brass concert @ 8 p.m. @ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

7
Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Rodney Carrington comedy show @ 8 p.m. @ Memorial Hall.

8
Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

Punk concert featuring Strength of Conviction, Short Life Crisis, While I Breathe, Gorilla Wrench, Vaginal Discharge and 5 Choose 1 @ 5 p.m. @ The Cesspool.

9
BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

As I Lay Dying, Himsa and Sworn Enemy concert @ 7 p.m. @ The Bottleneck in Lawrence, Kan.

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Murder by Death, Poison the Well, The Bled and The Kinison concert @ 7 p.m. @ The Granada Theatre in Kansas City.

11
General all-ages extreme sports session @ 3 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor Billingsly.

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Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

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Workers use tape to fix defective nukes:

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Workers dismantling an aging nuclear weapon improperly secured broken pieces of a highly explosive component by taping them together, federal investigators found. An explosion could have occurred, they said.

This month's unorthodox handling of the unstable explosive increased the risk that the technicians would drop it and set off a "violent reaction," the safety board said.

Such a reaction could have "potentially unacceptable consequences," board chairman John T. Conway said in a letter to Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

Nothing exploded and no one was hurt.

Randy rhinos on display:

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Wild Animal Park is offering special night tours that allow animal lovers to get up close and personal to randy rhinos, horny giraffes and other sex-crazed members of the animal kingdom.

The "Night Moves" tour is naughty by nature and intended for adults only. An expert points out the various animal courtship styles, but Park spokesman Paul Garcia admits "the rhinos usually get most of the 'oohs' and 'aahs.' They're not discreet at all." The titillating tour costs around $100 per person and routinely sells out.

Boy panics, burns down house:

CINCINNATI — A 16-year-old boy, after a weeklong series of parties while his father and stepmother were away, and seeing the damage done to the $380,000 house, burned it down to hide the destruction.

LION STATS

Men's Basketball

Jan. 31 Results

TSU (67)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Welker	6-9	1-3	17
Beran	3-5	2-4	8
Agbo	3-7	0-0	6
Sodermann	3-4	1-2	7
Lindsey	0-1	0-0	0
Mueller	2-5	0-0	6
Brock	0-1	0-0	0
Calmes	8-13	1-1	17
Kirby	1-3	3-5	6
Grimmt	0-0	0-0	0
Ogle	0-0	0-0	0

MSSU (64)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Cavness	1-3	2-2	4
Redmond	5-9	1-4	11
Rose	5-12	0-0	10
Watts	5-15	2-4	13
Ocasio	3-6	5-6	12
Clair	1-3	0-0	2
J. Jones	2-5	1-1	5
Sherrell	0-0	0-0	0
Engelken	2-5	0-0	5
D. Jones	1-2	0-0	2

TSU	**29**	**38**	**— 67**
MSSU	**33**	**31**	**— 64**

Women's Basketball

Jan. 31 Results

TSU (61)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Sommer	4-7	6-7	14
Huffman	5-7	4-4	14
Floyd	3-11	0-0	8
Long	3-5	1-2	8
Turnbull	2-11	0-0	6
Tromp	0-3	0-0	0
Patti	1-1	0-0	3
Miceli	1-4	1-2	3
Markovich	2-2	1-1	5

MSSU (59)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Wilson	1-7	0-2	2
Harrell	1-4	4-4	6
Koenig	2-4	5-7	11
Greninger	2-8	0-0	6
Hallman	9-22	0-0	22
Deen	2-3	0-0	6
Adkison	1-3	0-0	2
Christiansen	1-2	2-2	4

TSU	**23**	**38**	**- 61**
MSSU	**32**	**27**	**- 59**

Carol Koenig, sophomore guard, looks for an open path to the hoop. The Lions lost the Jan. 31 game against Truman State University 61-59 putting the Lions at 12-7 overall.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Defense works to accomplish goal

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

On Jan. 31 the Missouri Southern Lions women's basketball team fell to the Truman State University Bulldogs, dropping them to a 3-7 mark in conference play and a 12-7 mark overall.

The Lions clawed their way back from a nine-point deficit to make it a two-point game late in the second period, but were unable to come any closer.

The loss leaves the Lions standing in eighth place in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Conference, and the team knows it will take many things coming together for it to make post-season play.

"The first is to get everybody on the same page," said Maryann Mitts, head coach. "I think that all five of our defenders have been on the same page since the first of the season. Offensively, I think that we need to gain confidence. We have to bring back the energy and enthusiasm that we had at the beginning of the season."

The Lions' defense, ranked second in the conference in points allowed with just over 58.7 points per game through 19 games this season, is something the ladies are very proud of.

"The team set the goal at the beginning of the year to be the best defense in the conference," Mitts said. "One of the things that we are trying to do is to use our defense to create offense."

Southern ranks eighth in the conference in scoring offense, averaging just over 64 points per contest on the season.

When these two teams met on Jan. 28, the Lions came out after halftime and extended a one-point lead to 14, before watching the Lady Miners cut it to a two-point Lions advantage before the game ended. Although they won, the Lions are leary of a letdown against Rolla.

"It would be very foolish of us to overlook anyone at this point," Mitts said. "We've dug ourselves a hole, and when you're trying to dig out of hole, it's foolish to underestimate anybody."

"I think that we will do well," said Andrea Gossard, freshman guard. "We are well prepared, and we had a good week of practice."

The Lions will have with them reigning MIAA player of the week, Aubrey Hallman.

The junior guard averaged 19 points, seven rebounds, six assists and four steals per game for Southern last week.

"I think that it is a very deserving honor," Mitts said. "Aubrey has played very well, and as she has become more comfortable in the conference, she has really elevated her play."

Sports Note: Missouri Southern defeated University of Missouri-Rolla Feb. 4 at Rolla, 80-71 in double overtime.

Lions shoot toward championship

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

With only eight games left in the season, the Missouri Southern Lions men's basketball team knows in order to have a chance at a postseason berth, winning the next few games are critical.

"We are in a spot where, in order to get to the NCAA tournament, we have to win the conference championship," said Hiram Ocasio, junior guard.

The Lions are coming off a home loss to the Truman State Bulldogs on Jan. 31, in which they led by four at the half, but were outscored 38-31 in the second half.

"Truman State played extremely well," said Robert Corn, head coach. "They shot the ball well. They shot about 54 percent from the floor and about 48 percent from the three-point line. It's just tough to overcome that type of shooting. We're disappointed in losing the game on Saturday. That was a tough game to lose."

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> **Robert Corn**
> *Head Coach*

"We just weren't focused enough," Ocasio said.

The Lions will face conference foes in their last eight games, all of which they have faced earlier in the season.

"We're on the second go around with everybody now," Corn said. "We played Rolla last week, and they shot the ball extremely well. It's going to be a challenge to our defense to get out and guard their three-point shot."

The Lions believe they control their own destiny, and by fixing a few things, they will be able to make a run in the last half of the season.

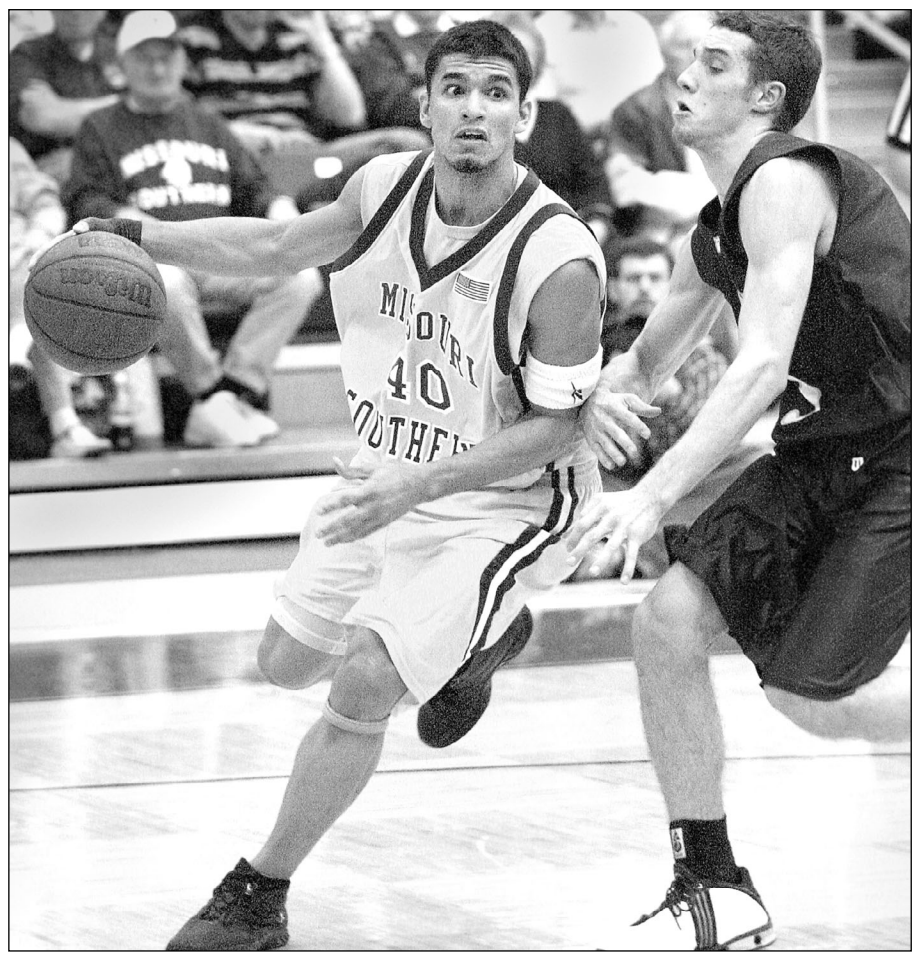
"I think that we have to get defensive stops in close basketball games," Corn said.

"You can't just trade baskets. Usually the team that comes up with the defensive stops in close situations is the team that is going to be successful."

"I think that we need to work on improving our focus as far as getting prepared for games and during the week and practice," Engelken said.

"We have to take care of the ball," said Matt Habermehl, freshman center. "We had 21 turnovers last Saturday, and you can't win like that. But we are going to finish out strong."

Sports Note: Missouri Southern defeated University of Missouri-Rolla Feb. 4 at Rolla, 90-63.



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Hiram Ocasio, junior guard, dribbles past an opponent during the Jan. 31 game.

2004 Football Signees

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/School
WR	Colin Bado	5-8	170	Fr.	McKinney, Texas/McKinney North
DE	Danny Bailey	6-1	220	Fr.	Lamar, Mo./Lamar
FS	Billy Baska	5-10	185	Fr.	Tonganoxie, Kan./Tonganoxie
DL	Josh Baugh	6-4	260	Fr.	Carthage, Mo./Carthage
LB	C.J. Brock	6-1	200	Fr.	Carthage, Mo./Carthage
WR	John Corbett	6-5	190	Fr.	Owasso, Okla./Owasso
QB	Nathan Emert	6-2	190	Fr.	Springdale, Ark./Shiloh Christian
QB	Matt Fisher	6-2	200	Fr.	Southwest City, Mo./McDonald County
PK	Brian Gunnels	5-11	155	Fr.	Drexel, Mo./Drexel
QB	Jim Harris	6-1	190	Fr.	Jonesboro, Ark./Jonesboro
QB	Adam Hinspeter	6-5	205	Fr.	Centralia, Mo./Centralia
RB	Brandon Holland	6-0	202	Fr.	Florissant, Mo./Vianney
CB	Ricky Hughes	5-9	165	Fr.	Florissant, Mo./Lutheran North
LB	Tyler Kasper	5-10	205	Fr.	Wentzville, Mo./Francis Howell
OL	Kyle Lathrop	6-5	295	Fr.	Nevada, Mo./Nevada
DL	Luke McCarty	6-2	235	Fr.	Tonganoxie, Kan./Tonganoxie
OL	Ryan McCluskey	6-4	290	Fr.	Moberly, Mo./Moberly
OL	Noel Moore	6-3	275	Fr.	Fort Smith, Ark./Southside
CB	Drew Sturrock	6-0	185	Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas/The Woodlands
RB	Ryan Talton	5-6	175	Fr.	Paris, Mo./Paris
ATH	John Thomas	6-2	225	Fr.	Fort Smith, Ark./Southside
RB	Wentric Williams	5-8	200	Soph.	Hannibal, Mo./Ellsworth (Iowa) CC
WR	Keith Wyatt	6-2	170	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Lutheran North

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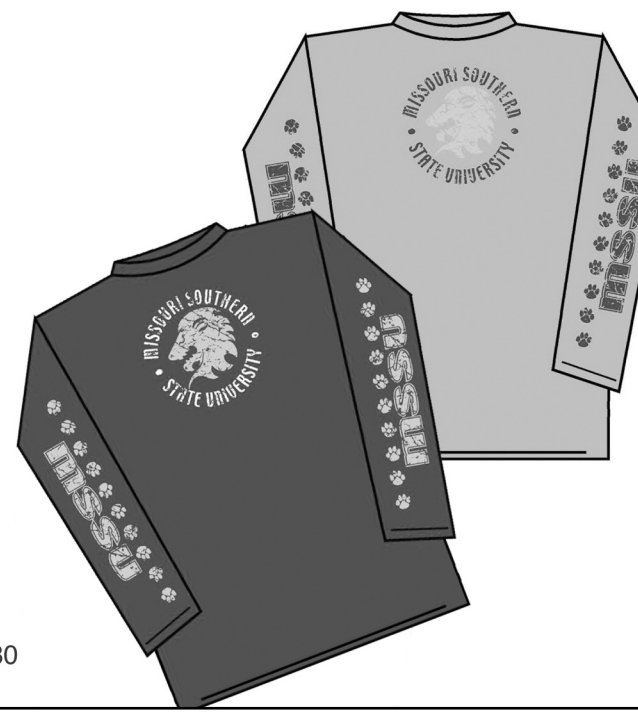

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24-hour Filibuster ends in Senate

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A 24-hour filibuster in the Senate came to an end at 2 a.m. Feb. 4.

The bill that would change Southwest Missouri State University to Missouri State University came under attack five days earlier when Sen. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) said the bill would take prestige and ultimately funding away from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Jacob suggested multiple amendments to the bill such as changing the name of the university to John Ashcroft University and Kit Bond University. None of his amendments passed.

Not everyone was opposed to the bill or in holding up the vote.

"I think there is room for growth in higher education, and in marketing beyond our state borders for two statewide universities," said Norma Champion (R-Springfield).

The bill would bring better students, better faculty and better private donations to SMSU. It would also create prestige.

"The name change would recognize SMSU for what it is," said House Speaker Catherine Hanaway (R-Warson Woods), "It would recognize it as the premiere university for undergraduate degrees."

Sen. President Pro Tem Peter Kinder (R-Cape Giradeau) was able to reach a compromise leading to the end of the filibuster.

Kinder's compromise provides SMSU will wait for a name change until bills giving MU $190 million in bonds has passed both the House and Senate. Kinder said this would put the name change on the "fast track".

Not everyone agreed with Kinder's proposal. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman John Russell (R-Lebanon) said the bonds should be allowed to be voted on separately and not tied in with a name change.

"This is a big mess," Russell said, "What leverage does a name change have? Not any."

The bill did pass with a 24-7 vote. While Jacob did step down and allow the bill to come to a vote, he voted against it.

The bill to change the name of SMSU comes on the heels of many proposals allocating additional funding to a large number of universities across the state.

There has still been no guarantee that Missouri Southern will receive any additional money.

All four campuses in the University of Missouri system have been looked at to receive new life science buildings or have renovations of current buildings. With every university in the state adding to the list, there is a good chance the bill will get defeated.

Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) said the condition of the state's economy would allow for the buying of bonds if Missouri continues to recover as well as it has. So far there has been a 5 percent increase in jobs compared to last year.

The bonds would not have to be repaid until 2008, giving the state time to collect the funds.

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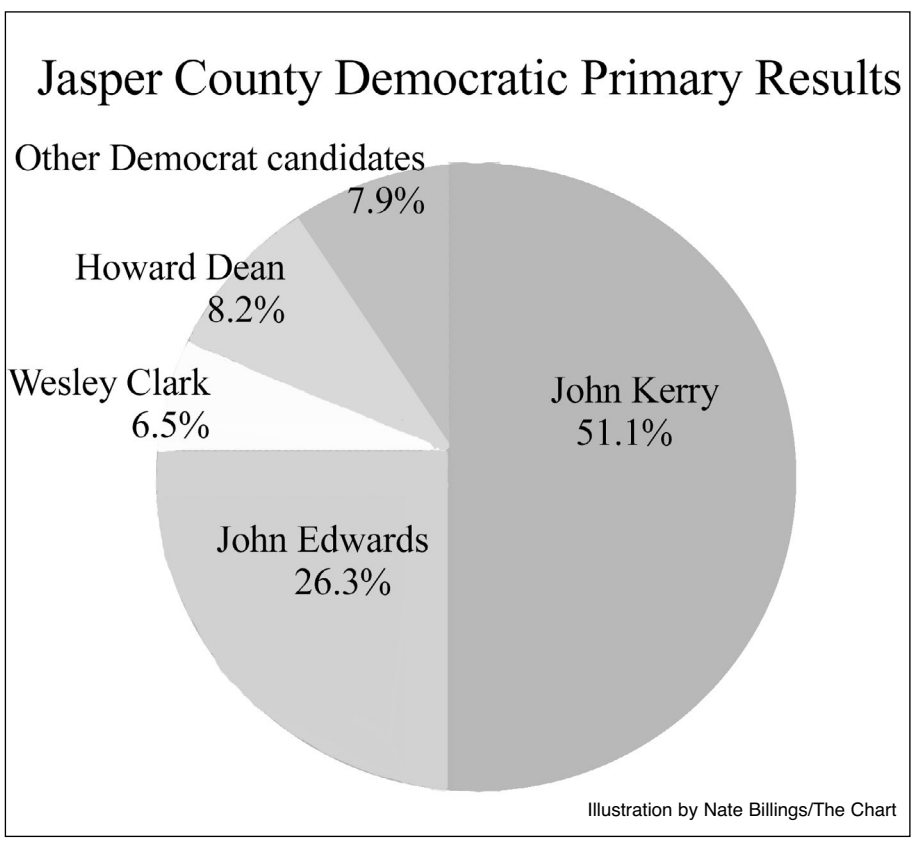
Twilight begins to settle on the capitol building as a 24-hour filibuster takes Congress into the morning hours of Feb. 4.



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Kerry dominates Missouri

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri held its presidential primary Frb. 3. According to Secretary of State Matt Blunt, the number of Missourians who turned out to vote was only 23 percent.

Only 543,708 Missourians voted. President George W. Bush received 95.1 percent of the votes in the state. Of the 5,326 people that voted in Jasper County, 1,623 voted for the current president.

Sen. John F. Kerry (D-Mass.) received 1,827 votes in the county, 26.3 percent of the total state votes.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean came in second with 292 votes, 8.2 percent of the total.

Missouri native Rep. Dick Gephardt (D-Mo) received 55 votes, accounting for only 1.5 percent of the state vote.

Local politicians blamed the low turnout on the number of Republican voters in Southwest Missouri. Since Bush has the Republican nomination it was not as important to vote in the primary. There were a few who crossed party lines, voting for the biggest threat to the opposition.

"I'm actually surprised that many people voted," said Rep. Steve Hunter (R-Joplin) . "I voted absentee last week."

"Wow, that many people voted," said Rep. Bryan P. Stevenson (R-Webb City). "I only expected about 15 percent."

House passes new bill

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri House of Representatives passed a "Geoffrey Loophole" bill Jan. 28 that will stop multi-state corporations from avoiding Missouri taxes by transferring money to out of state holding corporations.

"The legislation puts forth language that is fair for everybody," said Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin). "The Department of Revenue will have clear guidelines, and the courts will have the language they need to rule."

The bill was created through research and analysis of more than 30 court cases. This bill will establish requirements a company must meet in order to receive tax deductions through a holding company arrangement.

"The Missouri House effectively closed the corporate tax loophole without increasing taxes on legitimate Missouri business," said Rep. Shannon Cooper (R-Henry).

Some lawmakers have contended tax deductions for franchises and trademark fees should be removed. Others argue this would unfairly raise taxes on many of Missouri's small businesses.

Ruestman said in her community there were a number of small business franchises, including McDonald's, Ci Ci's Pizza and Long John Silver's. These businesses are owned locally. She said they already pay their fair share of taxes, and they are the ones who sponsor local organizations, such as little league, sports teams, parades and other community events.

The Senate also introduced a bill that would provide for tax exemptions. Bill 1048 allows churches, charitable

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groups and other tax exempt organizations to just bring proof of tax-exempt status when renewing motor vehicle registration.

Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) said, it is not an easy task for such organizations to renew vehicle registration.

"Last December, I visited the Carl Junction Senior Citizens Center," Nodler said. "While talking to a local resident, I learned that when it was time to renew his organization's motor vehicle license registration, a special trip had to be made to the county assessor's office to certify the center was in fact tax exempt."

Senate Bill 1099 will also establish reporting requirements to assist future legislatures in assessing the value of tax credit programs. It will also implement a system for reporting. Failure to meet annual requirements could result in penalties. This would update the current program. The bill has not yet gone to the Senate floor for debate.

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UMKC adds radio program to Web site

UMKC has added New Letters, the nation's oldest literary radio program to its Web site, www.umkc.edu. The weekly half hour program is available to those with Real Audio player installed on their computer. Recent authors on the Web site include playwrights Tony Kushner and August Wilson, poets Naomi Shahib Nye, Billy Collins, Sherman Alexie and novelists Richard Russo and Janet Burroway.

All-purpose thinkers discuss intellegence

Public intellectuals, a class of specialists and all-purpose thinkers will meet in Graham Chapel at Washington University from 10-11:30 a.m. Feb 12, to discuss public intellectuals. The meeting is just one of four parts intended to bring WU's top scholars together to discuss issues that will affect the future of the university, the community and the world. The gathering is part of the university's 150-year anniversary and is sponsored by the art and science department.

Astologer presents 'The Great Year'

The University of Missouri-Rolla will hold a presentation of "The Great Year: the Astrological Ages as illustrated on Earth." Astrologer and Art Historian Johanna Ellen Corn will give the presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Mark Twain Room of the University Center, east on the UMR campus.

Planning program gains accredidation

Southwest Missouri State University's planning program recently received national accreditation from the Planning Accreditation Board. The SMSU program is one of only 16 Planning Accreditation Board accredited baccalaureate programs in the United States. There is a voluntary accreditation process that recognizes programs for their levels of performance, integrity and quality.

Dental institution hosts free clinic

Saint Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education will host "Give Kids a Smile" Friday and Saturday. The two day free clinic provides more than 700 underserved elementary and middle school age children with free, comprehensive dental care. The clinic, which is taking place during National Children's Dental Health Month, was founded by the Greater St. Louis Dental Society.

MU purchases two 10-year-old mules

The University of Missouri-Columbia recently purchased two 10-year-old mules from Greene County.

For the past six months, MU had searched for mules to replace Jill and Shirley, who retired from their position as mascots in spring 2003. MU officials were looking for Missouri born, good-tempered mules who would not have problems with large crowds.

Tim and Terry, the two mules, will live in a pasture near the MU College of Veterinary Medicine and will be cared for by MU veterinary students.

Cottey College hosts Black History contest

The public in invited to celebrate Black History Month with Cottey College, by entering a contest entitled "Inspiring Hope and Possibility."

The contest is open to Vernon county residents and group organizations. A $50 first-place prize is up for grabs.

For information about the contest persons may contact Dr. Angela Firkus at 417-667-8181.

LETTER:

From Page 4

threateningly deformed, or a threat to the life of the mother. Yet, Martin fails to affix his stamp of approval to this procedure. Women are not baby factories.

Martin contradicts himself in first describing abstinence as the only method to, as he so eloquently puts it, "stop the killing." Then he recommends a condom or birth control "or something."

According to Planned Parenthood, worldwide each year there are 80 million unplanned pregnancies. That's four in 10. Obviously abstinence doesn't work. This source also cites that the majority of these pregnancies result from failure to use contraceptives. Globally, 350 million couples desperately need family planning and contraceptives. Family planning actually helps prevent the need for an abortion by preventing unwanted pregnancies. Abortion rates, such as that of the United States' 3 percent, are significantly lowered in countries where sex ed is taught and birth control and family planning utilized.

Martin explains how unwed Christian mothers feel like outcasts of society, and of their church community, fearing the stigma of their condition, which prompts them to seek an abortion. And if he were indeed correct, it would be because people like him look down upon and stigmatize them.

No one desires to have an abortion. No matter how pro-choice I am, I personally would never choose abortion. But I reserve the right to make that choice. I value that right, as a woman and as an American and as a human being. The College Democrats of Southern are planning a trip to Washington, D.C., for a march and rally for women's and pro-choice rights on April 25, in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood, the National Organization for Women and the Missouri Religious Coalition for reproductive choice. Unless you want Martin to choose for you, choose choice.

Deanne Smallwood-Thomas
President
College Democrats

READING:

From Page 1

After the paced reading, students can go onto a timed reading, where they can control page movement.

Holmes said she is not for sure how long Southern has had a speed reading class, but said it was an interim class for a while.

"It was approved for a regular class, and we started doing it every spring," she said.

The class meets for 10 sessions, twice a week for five weeks, is a pass/fail class and is worth one hour of credit.

Holmes said she teaches the class this way because she does not want the students to be threatened by a grade.

"I don't want people, when they're trying to increase their speed, worrying about a grade," she said. "They will risk reading faster and exploring different techniques to use without a threat of a grade. If I had a grade on it, people would be like 'What do I have to do to get an 'A?' That isn't this course."

Holmes said the class is goal oriented. The students will set a goal and hope to achieve it by the end of the five weeks. If the goal needs to be adjusted before then "it will be modified along the way."

Paul Carter, sophomore biology major, said he enjoys the course because of the way it is designed.

"It's (the class) very well designed to increase the difficulty and to make you read faster," Carter said. "You have to start reading faster. It automatically speeds it up for you."

"I think it's a good idea," said Stephanie McLaughlin, junior undecided major.

"I think it helps people speed up their reading, for slower readers to get it up to the main speed."

Students who take the class take it for several different reasons. Holmes said students take the class because they read slowly "they actually lost comprehension."

"I'm a slow reader," Carter said. "The amount of reading I have to do, I've got to do something to get it done."

Some students take the class to help them with readings for other classes.

Aimee Julian, junior dental hygiene major, said she believes the class is helping her with her reading for other classes. She said she is improving in her reading for other classes.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Melissa Adamson, freshman business major, works on her speed reading assignment in the Learning Center computer lab.

"(I'm taking the class) to help my other classes, like my history classes to read faster and to get a better grade," McLaughlin said.

Some people seem to think when one learns how to speed read they are constantly reading at 900 words per minute. Holmes said this is not true.

"It (speed reading) means you have the ability to select various items to read quickly," she said.

"You can be flexible. Some items you may have to read slower, but when the situation warrants it, you are able to read faster because you have learned the technique."

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